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It is now time for you to choose a school for your child who will turn six years old during 2012. This text should be read together with the catalogue regarding choice of pre-school class which has been sent to the homes of all parents and guardians. The text guides you through comparing and choosing from all the schools in Stockholm, municipal or independent.

In the first year of school, your child attends a pre-school class, which is a voluntary transition from pre-school to school. Teaching is mixed with play and social training. It will be an exciting time for your child who will learn many new things.

If you have questions regarding your choice, most answers can be found at

stockholm.se/skolval.

Good luck with your choice!

One of your most important decisions

Starting school is a big step for all children. They are introduced to a new environment, new friends and many exciting things to find out and learn about.

All children living in Stockholm are guaranteed a place in a pre-school class. By far the majority want to go to a school which is near their home, but there are other factors that come into play. If you have several children, you may want them all to go to the same school, or (maybe) you want your child to go to a school which has a special approach or direction.

After pre-school class your child will continue in year 1 at the same school. The choice of pre-school class is therefore decisive for your child's schooling for many years to come.

Important dates to remember

School choice 15 January - 15 February

Decision on school placement is sent out on March 15.

School start 22 August (for municipal schools and often for independent school as well)



Which school is best for your child?

In Stockholm there are both municipal and independent schools and you choose yourself the school which is right for your child. Neither municipal nor independent schools charge tuition. At stockholm.se/skolval you can compare services and different schools.

When you have decided which school you want your child to attend, you can make an electronic application via stockholm.se/skolval. The electronic application service for choice of pre-school class is open from 15 January up to and including 15 February 2012. You make a first choice, a second choice and a third choice. The school which accepts your child will start to send out its notifications on 15 March.

Guide – choose a school, step by step

In the catalogue which has been sent to the homes of all children who will soon start school you will find the pictures which accompany this guide. The guide leads you through every stage of the school selection process. If you want to compare the schools in Stockholm, you can use the e-service Compare Compulsory Schools. If you already know which school you want to choose, go straight to step 2.

In the yellow section

Go to stockholm.se/skolval, where you can both log in and find the e-service Compare Compulsory Schools.

Picture 1 Compare schools

In this section you can compare the schools you are interested in by putting them in a list and clicking on Compare. You can also sort them by town, specialty and year.

Picture 2 Choose school

When you know which school you want to apply to, log in at Choose School at stockholm.se/skolval. At this stage you rank the schools and click Next when you are finished.

In the yellow section

Log in with e-identification

To choose a school you log in with your e-identification, which you can get from your bank or from Telia. If you do not have e-identification, contact your bank.

In the blue section

You can also choose your pre-school class by completing a form which you can download at stockholm.se/skolval.



Picture 3 Details

In this section you choose whether your child will go to a leisure-time centre and you fill in the information regarding the child's current pre-school. If you include the telephone number of the pre-school this makes school placement easier. When you have finished, click Next.

In the yellow field

Leisure-time centres are voluntary and they charge a fee.

Picture 4 Check and send

Check that the information is correct and fill in your e-mail address so that you can receive confirmation of your selection. Then click Send and your selection is complete.

If any information is incorrect, click on Back to change it. You can log in and change your selection any time up to and including 15 February 2012.

In the yellow section

Specific reasons for attending a certain school. Under Other Information you can state if there are specific reasons why your child should attend a certain school.

On the yellow tab furthest to the right

Bear in mind that you should choose a leisure-time centre at the same time as you choose a school.

Choosing an independent school which is not included in the e-service?

If you wish to select a school which is not included in the e-service, contact the school to find out about their selection criteria and how you can apply for a place.

Selection criteria decide who is allocated a place

Each school attempts to accommodate those who have chosen it as their first choice. If there are more applicants than places, then the school uses selection criteria to decide on the allocation of places.

If you choose to apply to a municipal school, then the selection criteria established by the municipality shall apply. You can find these at stockholm.se/skolval.

The selection criteria may be different for independent schools. Certain independent schools have a queue system. Contact the independent school you are interested in to find out the selection criteria which apply for their school.

The municipal schools have no queue system. All applications are handled after the school choice period (15 Jan-15 Feb) has closed.



This is what happens after your choice

In the middle of March we start to send out letters, in which you will see which school can offer your child a place. The schools attempt to meet your requests wherever possible.

If you change your mind after your child has been placed, contact the school you wish to change to. The headmaster there decides whether or not they can accept your child.

Leisure-time centres

Your child may attend a leisure-time centre before and after pre-school class. The centres are voluntary but they charge a fee. You can apply for a place at a leisure-time centre in conjunction with your pre-school class selection.

A warm welcome at the end of August!

You are welcome, along with your child, when the autumn terms starts. Your particular school will inform you about when school starts.

Children with special needs

Your child has the right to support at school. This support can be tailored to your child's needs and condition and shall, in the first place, be provided in the child's group or class.

Special school

Special schools exist for pupils who, due to intellectual disability, cannot qualify for compulsory schools.

Independent schools focussing on special needs

It is possible to choose independent schools which only work with pupils who have special needs, i.e. children with concentration difficulties such as ADHD. Read more about these schools on page 26.



Mother tongue support

Children who have a mother tongue other than Swedish can receive support in this in their pre-school class. Support is offered to a child where at least one of their parents has a mother tongue other than Swedish which they use in their daily contact with their child.

Questions?

If you have questions regarding your choice of school, you are always welcome to ring the contact centre on 08-508 00 508.